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Filed February 14, 2002	) Examiner: Golam M. Shameem
A PROCESS FOR PREPARING (BRANCHED-ALKYL) ARYLSULPHONATES AND A (BRANCHED-ALKYL) ARYLSULPHONATE COMPOSITION	

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Sir:

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement of April 17, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect Group VI, claims 132-151 and 154 drawn to a process for preparing alkyl arylsulfonates.

Respectfully submitted,

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